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From the Religious Intelligencer and Evening Gazette.

MR. EDITOR—I take the liberty of communicating to the public, through the medium of your paper, some thoughts on the following question:

Are Ministers of the Gospel supported by charity, or is it an act of justice?

In the outset I will say, I assume the latter as the only tenable opinion. I am surprised that men of intelligence should ever countenance an absurdity so glaring, and so calculated to mislead in practice, as the former sentiment. There is one case, however, in which a minister of the gospel may justly be considered an object of charity; and that is, when by old age, or affliction of any kind, he is reduced to want and distress in his circumstances; then, and not till then, can he properly be considered an object of charity. But he is even then no more an object of charity than any other man would be in the same circumstances; so that he is not such an object because he is a minister but because he is a man of affliction, in want and distress. Hence it appears that the sentiment to which I object, receives not the least support from what I have conceded.

If by sloth, or neglect of duty of any kind, a minister should become straitened in his circumstances, I doubt whether it is an act of charity then to assist him. Let his wants and inconveniences drive him to his duty, and let us not by injudiciously helping him encourage him in idleness and neglect of his proper business.

But when a man is in health, perhaps in the very prime of life, and a man of respectable talents and respectable family, if he devotes all his time and abilities to preaching and labouring for the moral and spiritual good of his flock, I say there is not a culling in life, mercantile, mechanical, professional or agricultural in which a man more honestly and fairly earns his maintenance.

And is this faithful labourer now to be told that he has no claim on the people for his support, but that whatever is given him is bestowed in the way of charity? Nonsense, injustice and cruelty, in the extreme! The most that can possibly be said with any truth against his claim is, that it is not legal, and will not hold in an action at law; but does this nullify all claim? If we are under no legal obligation is there no such thing as moral obligation? Is there no such thing as justice beyond what is established by the civil law? The fact is, there are numberless cases both of debt and crime, which are not and never can be recognized by jurisprudence. Every thing human is imperfect; and so particularly, are the specifications of legislative statutes. All the difference then between the claims for support of my lawyer, my doctor, my shoe-maker, and those of my minister, is the former claims are recognized in civil law, and the latter are not, unless there be first a contract, in which the price of his labour is stipulated in dollars and cents. But as the latter mode has not the sanction of apostolic precept or example, many christians doubt the propriety of it. Shall it therefore be urged that their ministers are not as justly entitled to a comfortable maintenance, as though they bargained beforehand like a lawyer for his fees? I think that while men have any thing in them like a sense of honour, of justice, and of moral obligation, instead of waiting to be driven to it by fear of the penalties of civil law, they will honourably and liberally support those who faithfully labor among them in the vineyard of the Lord.

STOUGHTON.

He is a rich man who has God for his friend.

Extract from the Rev. Dr. Danas Election Sermon, preached before the Legislature of N Hampshire. 1823.

"If respected Legislators, it is righteousness which exalts a nation; and if sin is reproachful and ruinous to any people, it is then in your power, by efficiently promoting the one, and discountenancing the other, to become public blessings and benefactors. Permit me to add, that this is demanded of you by your stations, by your oaths, by the honour and confidence bestowed on you, and by the influence you possess. It is the just expectation of heaven and earth concerning you."

While we bless God for the fair inheritance of civil and religious freedom left us by our Fathers; while we exult in their illustrious example; we contemplate with pain and grief, many fatal symptoms of general degeneracy. In this region, once the hallowed abode of piety and virtue, the God of heaven is dishonoured and provoked, his sacred name is blasphemed, his authority contemned, his sabbaths awfully and increasingly profaned. While vices of various forms stalk through the community, in defiance of fear and shame, one vice whose name is Legion, spurs all restraint; it tramples on all laws, human and divine, and devours with unsated appetite, no small portion of the wealth and morals of the lives and souls of the people.

Do not evils of this magnitude challenge your attention and investigation? If the laws are defective, are you not bound to supply their defects? If, while the sons of vice are bold, the friends of order are feeble and timid; if, instead of magistrates being a terror to evil doers, evil-doers are a terror to magistrates, are you not bound, as Guardians and Fathers of the State, to apply a corrective? Especially, are you not bound, when returning to the more private walks of life, to surround the laws you have made, with the attractive charm of your example; to throw all the weight of your talents, your exertions, your influence, and, let me add, your prayers into the scale of good order good morals, and pure religion?

If there are many spots in our State, and some of them once brightened with christian institutions, and christian instructions, which now exhibit a moral waste—a kind of Egyptian gloom; if great numbers throughout the community, abuse the just right of supporting the religion which they prefer as a pretext for supporting no religion at all: are you not bound, as friends of religion, of virtue, of liberty, of the rising youth, of all that is valuable in society, to apply a corrective here?

Indulge me, respected Legislators, in this freedom. I would violate no principle of decorum. But a minister of the gospel, who could view the evils described, without an aching, and a bleeding heart, would be unworthy his office. For could he be faithful to his most solemn vows, if, when permitted to address those who under God possess the remedy, he should pass the subject in silence.

Suffer me to remark farther, that the high and sacred interests of education prefer imperious claims to your paternal attention and care. If on accurate investigation, you should be fully convinced that the system of instruction in our primary schools—the only scenes of education for the great mass of our youth—admits and requires great and essential improvements, your faithful exertions will, we doubt not, correspond with your convictions. And may it not be hoped, from the wisdom and magnanimity of the Legislature, that it will cast a favouring eye upon the principal seat of learning in our State? The auspicious influence of this Seminary on the literature and religion of our country, has long been felt and acknowledged.

and the sedate inquirer after truth finds it profitable to hold intercourse with them.

Soon, honoured Fathers, you will be called to give an account of your stewardship. Soon you will be summoned to that high and dread tribunal, where yourselves and the humblest of your constituents, will meet on a perfect level. That most affecting dispensation of the last week, by which a distinguished Statesman* of a neighbouring Commonwealth, having just resumed his important functions, was summoned from the hall of legislation, to the bar of the eternal Judge, speaks an intelligible language to you, and to us all. May it be your happiness to commence and pursue, and finish all your measures, under deep impressions of an observing God, and the retributions of eternity. When you are summoned away from earthly scenes and duties, may your dying pillows be softened by the hopes of the gospel; and may you receive from the Author of your being and your destiny, the transporting sentence; "Well done good and faithful servants; enter into the joy of your Lord."

* The Hon. John Phillips, of Boston, President for the last ten years, of the Senate of Massachusetts. On Election day, he presided in the organization of the Senate, and introduced his successor to the chair. He expired before 9 on the following morning, by an attack of the angina pectoris, at the age of 53. Few men have possessed so uniformly and entirely, the public confidence and respect.

From the Delaware Watchman. THE METHODISTS.

There are perhaps, but few persons among us, who feel a proper interest in the preservation of the peace and good order of Society, who have not frequently, and with the most lively emotions of pleasure, reflected upon the excellent qualities and extensive influence of the society of Methodists. Their zeal and industry in inculcating among their fellow men the rules of morality and the precepts of the gospel, the ardour which they display in their religious pursuits, the sincerity which they manifest in their devotional exercises, their exemplary conduct in private life, the rigid discipline which they maintain in their society, and the strict and regular scrutiny which they make respecting the walk and conversation of their members, present them to our view in the light of a city which is set upon a hill, whose light cannot be hid, and if they fail to produce a desire to imitate them, a disposition to appropriate and applaud must undoubtedly be felt by all who behold them. And it is a matter of much satisfaction to the mind of the contemplative observer, that their labours have been attended with such signal success in our country.

If vice assumes the confidence of confirmed iniquity, and presumes to unveil itself in the public walks of society, the boldness with which it is met and frowned upon by the Methodists, drives it into retirement; should it be concealed, their vigilance drags it forth into the face of day, tears the mask from its visage and presents it in its naked deformity, to be gazed upon, shunned and abhorred by all who are not totally insensible to shame.

In their labours, they can and do accommodate themselves to the situation and circumstances of men in all stations in society. The poor and illiterate are not abashed in their presence; while the wealthy and the wise may derive pleasure and instruction from their company and conversation. The afflicted are soothed and comforted, the inconsiderate are insensibly led by them to the most wholesome reflections, the pious are edified, the giddy and the vain are made sober and contemplative.

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We differ from them in opinion, in various particulars, but there is among them so much to approve and applaud that we have thought this small notice of them may not be improper.

Extract from Professor Lindaly's Sermon on the improvement of time.

Would you be happy and wise, my hearers? Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. And the great command which embraces all others, is, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. If you comply with this; obedience to all the rest will follow as a natural and necessary effect. If you do not comply with this; you will strive in vain to be conformed to the spirit of any one of the divine precepts. You will labour in the dark and against the grain. You will have mountains to oppose at every turn. And after a few painful unavailing struggles, you will renounce the conflict in despair. You must begin with Christ, and end with Christ—live by faith in Christ, rejoice in Christ—hope in Christ—die in Christ. This is the only rock upon which to build your hopes of heaven.—Here you may build with safety. Your edifice shall stand strong. Neither storms nor flames, nor earth, nor hell, shall ever prevail against it. It will endure when time shall be no longer, and when the heavens shall have passed away.

Behold the wisdom of God in the redemption of a guilty world. Behold the wisdom, which, if you obey her heavenly voice, will make you wise unto salvation. Behold the wisdom which is from above, it is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy." "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding: For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." This is the wisdom which is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding." On earth it will yield a contented mind—in heaven, joy unspeakable and full of glory.

It will assure to you all the real good which this poor world can bestow. It will arm you against its sorrows and adversities. It will guard you against its ruinous seductions—preserve you from all its evils—allow you to taste its purest pleasures—give you riches and honours, without pride or covetousness—or else make you contented with poverty, and with whatever portion, infinite wisdom may assign to you. It will conduct you, with consciences void of offence towards God and towards man, through this world's checkered scenery and varied fortune, to the pilgrim's peaceful and eternal home. It will lead you up to Immanuel's throne—to mansions in the skies—where you shall grow in knowledge and wisdom till you pass the boundaries which Gabriel has reached—in happiness and holiness, while an infinite God exists to expand your faculties, and to supply their continually increasing capacities and desires. What a prospect for guilty, wretched, dying sinners! What a life of purity, and peace, and philanthropy, does wisdom promise! What a death of victory, and triumph, and cheering hope does it ensure! What a heaven of fel-

OBITUARY.

REV. ELISHA E. COOKE.

Died, on Friday July 11th, the Rev Elisha E. Cooke, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Manchester, (formerly Oxford society in east Hartford.) While in the act of crossing a small stream of water on a pole, he took hold of a post to help himself up, which giving way struck him with such force as probably to deprive him of exertion, and thus he perished. He was soon taken from the water, but was past recovery. His wife was on a visit to her friends in this city, expecting her husband when the messenger of sad tidings came for her. Mr. Cooke was a faithful minister of Christ, and eminently useful. He was much beloved by his people, and all who knew his worth. Without a moments warning, a trifling casualty has plunged his people and his family in distress, and summoned his spirit to the bar of judgment. Reader are you prepared for such a summons!

Last Notices of the Palestine Mission.

Letters have been received from Messrs Temple and Goodell, dated at Malta, near the end of April. They had received letters from Messrs. Fisk and King, who had been in Upper Egypt in company with Mr. Wolff. They were about to cross a part of the desert on camels, and expected to visit Jerusalem soon. They had distributed 800 copies of the Scriptures, and 2,000 Tracts principally among Coptic Christians. Their opportunities, in this respect had greatly exceeded their hopes.

MORAVIAN MISSIONS.

An Association has been formed in London, by Christians of different denominations in aid of the Moravian Missions. The following statement, taken from an English publication, shews the necessity and the claim of the United Brethren, for the aid of Christians generally.—We believe that any sums for the Treasury of the United Brethren may be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. Mortimer, in New York.—*Rel. Intel.*

The Mission of the United Brethren, (or Moravians,) among the Negroes, Hottentots, American Indians, Greenlanders and Calmucs, were commenced nearly a century ago, and now consists of thirty one stations, supplied by nearly one hundred and seventy Missionaries, and contain more than 32,000 converts. In consequence of the ruinous effects of the War upon the settlements of the Brethren on the continent, and the unavoidable increase of expense in latter years, the mission may be said to be entirely dependent upon this country for their existence. The annual expenditure is about 9000*l.* while the Brethren cannot raise 2000*l.* which is scarcely sufficient to maintain the decayed missionaries, and the widows and orphans; so that, notwithstanding the liberal aid from other sources, a debt of about 4000*l.* has arisen, and is still increasing. The missions in South America are reduced to the greatest distress, by storms and famine. Many of the Christian Hottentots have had little more to eat than grass.

[N. Y. Obs.]

Died at Amherst the 30th ult. Rev. ZEPHANIAH SWIFT MOORE, D. D. President of the Collegiate Institution in that town. He had entered on the Collegiate duties of the summer term with his usual alacrity, and with increasing hopes of the prosperity and eminently usefulness of the Institution; but on Wednesday the 25th ult. he was taken severely ill, and from that time gradually sunk under the pressure of disease and pain.—With his usual sweetness and serenity of soul he thanked the attending physician for reminding him that his life was despaired of, and expressed to his friends his deep sense of the goodness of God, his entire acquiescence in the disposal of Divine Providence, and his unshaken confidence in the great atonement. Nearly his last words were, *God is my hope, my shield, and my exceeding great reward.* By his death the Institution over which he has presided, and the christian public, are called to mourning; but *righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.*

IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOLS.

In the New York State Prison, out of 580 prisoners, 195 could not read, and 52 could not write. Of the 580 convicts, 136 are blacks—that is, nearly one fourth of the whole population, while the black population in the state, is to the white as one to 35. Add to these facts the following. In the New York free schools, which have been in operation seventeen years, and have given instruction to 1400 children, many of whom were from the lower classes of society, it has been ascertained, that but one person instructed in them, has ever been detected in an infamous crime.

NEWS:

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

LAZIEST FROM EUROPE.

The packet ship Panthea, Capt. Bennet, has arrived at N. York from Liverpool, bringing London dates to the 8th and Paris to the 6th of June. They contain accounts from Spain a few days later than before received, but those officially communicated, differ so widely from those contained in private letters, that it is extremely difficult to form any definite opinion from either. The former, as they relate to affairs in Catalonia, speak favorably of the operations of the French; whereas the private accounts from Bayonne, as late as May 29, affirm that Gen. Donnadieu was completely beaten by Mina on the 19th, and afterwards taken prisoner at Vich, and that Gen. Curial had been defeated in four successive engagements, which took place on the 23d. It should be mentioned however, that the despatches of Marshal Moncey, of a later date, furnish no evidence of the truth of this report.

The London Courier of the 7th, says—“The details of the operation of the French army are now deprived of much of their value by the course which events have taken; for we can state upon good authority, that the war in Spain may be considered as at an end.”

The Paris papers of the 5th and 6th inst. have arrived. The Regency at Madrid, has begun to exercise its functions. One of its first acts has been to appoint Ambassadors to all the Courts of Europe.—They have also endeavored to brand with treachery and cruelty, the resistance made by Gen. Zayas to the occupation of Madrid by Bessieres and his followers.

The troops which were in Madrid and the neighborhood under Abisbal and Zayas, have retired to Talavera and towards Estramadura, leaving the road open to Seville.

A private letter states that two corps of the French army were to quit Madrid on the 1st of June, under Generals Bourdesolt and Bourmont, to proceed to Seville and Badajoz.

Abisbal, it is said, has given in his resignation, and remains in privacy in the vicinity of Madrid.

It is said that the Cortes have declared Gen. Abisbal a traitor to his country, and that the King of Spain was going to be sent immediately to Cadiz. It is also said that the army in Catalonia was in a critical situation.

Letters from St. Petersburg announce positively that the commencement of hostilities between Russia and the Porte is not far distant.

The *Pilote*, (French Paper) contains the following articles. “Seville was tranquil on the 20th, and it is evident from the stoppage of letters sent by post from the frontiers, that the French affairs in Catalonia, are not going on well. The *Pilote* also contains the account, extracted from Spanish papers of the events preceeding the entry of the French army into Madrid, and the attack and defeat of Bessieres, whose loss was much greater than admitted in the French accounts.

One hundred head of oxen intended for the French army had been taken by the Spaniards. The Duke de Angouleme was busy at Madrid in organizing the regency.—It was rumoured that from 10 to 30,000 men had left Madrid for Seville.

An English vessel entered St. Sebastian the day before yesterday, the French squadron cruising before the port not thinking proper to insult the British flag. A person who has come from the environs of Pampeluna, says, that on Friday a salute of 101 cannon was fired there, which would seem to announce some great rejoicing. We do not know what may have been the occasion, unless they have received news of the reported victory of Mina on the 19th.

We learn by an arrival at Charleston from Trinidad, that thirteen pirates had been captured by a party of soldiers, after a desperate engagement, in which the captain of the pirates was killed. The pirates were lodged in prison at that place. On their examination, they confessed having murdered Capt Ray and all the crew of the brig Mechanic, of New-York.

CENSUS OF LOWER CANADA.

An estimate of the population of Lower Canada was taken in 1822, and has just been published. It appears that the number of inhabitants is found to be 364,546. The population of Quebec is 14,880—of Montreal 15,909.

Post Office Department.

A circular has been addressed by the Post Master General to the several Post Masters and Mail Carriers throughout the States.—In it he informs them that in future, when the mails do not reach their destination at the proper time, or are conveyed without proper cover to preserve them from the weather, a fine will be imposed unless the failure is proved not to have proceeded from negligence. It is also mentioned that the expenditures of the general Post Office have been greater than the monies realized. In the last quarter there was a deficiency of nearly \$40,000; while it is asserted by the Post Master General, that had all the Post Masters made their regular remittances, there would have been no deficiency.

Destructive Fire.

Philadelphia, July 17.—Yesterday afternoon, a fire broke out in a stable in Kunkle street, below Callehwill-street, back of the Pennsylvania Farmer, and before 6 o'clock destroyed more buildings and merchandize than any one which has happened since the memorable fire in Dock-street, about 14 years ago.

The fire commenced in Kunkle-street, and extended up Kunkle to Callowhill, down Callowhill to Third-street, and down Third-street to a house belonging to and occupied by Mr. Isaac Davis, where its progress was arrested. The number of houses destroyed and materially damaged, we understand, to be between 20 and 30.

The tannery of Mr. James Avery, at Coopers-town, N. Y. was destroyed by fire a few nights since. Many hides in the vats were injured by the intense heat, and a large quantity of bark consumed. The loss sustained is estimated at \$10,000.

At the New York Court of Sessions, an indictment for a libel, in the name of the People vs. Solomon King, for publishing a book entitled Gotham and the Gothamites, came on for trial, when the defendant withdrew the plea of not guilty, and entered the plea of guilty.

The next case was that of the People vs. Samuel B. H. Judah, charged in the indictment with being the author of the said book. A motion was made by his counsel for a continuance of the case, on the ground that so much excitement existed against him in the city, he had reason to apprehend that he could not have at this time a fair trial.—The court continued the case to the next term.

Amer.

Mr. F. Buxton, on the 15th May, delivered a long and forcible speech in the British House of Commons on the Abolition of slavery in the British West Indies. The National Gazette remarks the following passage of this speech:—

“Slavery has burnt down in the socket has completely melted in the State of New-York. The same has been the case in New-Jersey, Philadelphia and others of the American States. The change in all those States has been gradual.” &c.

If a member of the American Congress (adds the editor) should speak of London and the other British Kingdoms, how the Reviewers of London and Edinburgh would chuckle at Yankee learning!

CANCER.

A physician recommends, in the London papers, as an ascertained cure for Cancer, the application of a strong vegetable ointment with hemlock to the scirrus tumor, a vegetable diet exclusively, and the copious use of sarsaparilla and other vegetable beverages.

The Rev. William Gammell, has accepted the invitation of the second Baptist Church and Society in Newport to become their Pastor.

MARRIED.

In North Carolina, Hon Welden Edwards to Miss Lucy Northfleet.

In Troy, N. Y. on the 7th inst. Mr. Stephen De Groff to Mrs Sally Low both of Lansingburgh—Benjamin Vervain, Esq. Deputy Sheriff of Albany, to Miss Catharine Uran of Troy.

In Greenland, Mr. Eber Holman to Miss Mary Spinney, both of Portsmouth.

In Portsmouth, Mr. John P. Simes to Miss Mary Bladell.

In Smithfield, Mr. Rufus Williams of Burhillville, to Miss Tabitha Mowry.

In Attleborough, Mr. Thomas Blanding to Miss Nancy Lyon.

DIED.

In this city, Mr. Reuben R. Wilson, printer, aged 23.

Mr. Ephraim B. Hutchinson 33.

In Dartmouth, Mr. Richardson Nickerson, aged 37.

In Barre, Dr. Ephraim Brooks, formerly of Concord, Mass.

In Brownville, Mc. Mrs. Eleanor Thomas, aged 96.

At N. Orleans, Capt. Edmund Freeman, of the brig Oracle, of this port.

Drowned—At Phila. a lad named Bready, aged 13. He was bathing, with other boys, and was striving which could stay longest under water. He came up under a platform and could not be extricated. A similar case occurred in another place, a few days before.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

AMONG the means employed, in this day of gospel-light, for the diffusion of Christian principles, the circulation of religious books is not the smallest; for such books not only tend to edify the people of God, but many others are lead to read the great things of the kingdom of Christ, who have but little opportunity to hear the word preached, or who will not embrace that opportunity when they have it.

Impressed with these ideas, the Methodist Connexion have formed an establishment, located at New York, for publishing religious books, which are spread through all parts of the U. States, and sold in every place at the N. Y. prices.

As the profits of these books are applied to religious purposes, the preachers take upon themselves the care and labor of selling them.

The following books are for sale by E. HEDDING, at No. 15, Friend street.

Quarto Bibles	\$ 5 00
Benson's Commentary on the Bible; coming out in about 30 numbers	
\$ 1 per number	30 00
Methodist Hymn book 24mo.	75
do. do. do. 12mo.	
Calf extra.	2 00
Benson's Hymns, for children	25
Life of Mrs. Fletcher	1 25
Fletcher & Benson, on the Divinity of Christ	1 25
Life of Rev. Wm. Bramwill,	1 00
Memoir of Rev. Jesse Lee,	1 00
do. of H. Longden,	50
Life of Lady Maxwell, 2 vols.	2 00
Universal Restoration Refuted, by D. Isaac	75
Martindale's Dictionary of the Bible,	3 50
Wesley's Notes on the New Testament,	3 00
Simpson's Deity of Christ,	2 41
Law's Serious Call,	75
Watson's Observations on Southey's Life of Wesley,	75
Saints Rest,	1 00
Wesley's Sermons, 3 vols.	7 00
Fletcher's Checks, 4 vols.	7 50
do. Appeal,	75
Wood's Dictionary of the Bible,	5 00
Horneck on Consideration,	87 1-2
Errors of Hopkisionism,	1 25
Memoir of Rev. Samuel Bacon, A. M.	1 50
Bishop Asbury's Journal	5 50
Benson's Sermons	2 00
Moshim's Ecclesiastical Hist. 4 vols.	12 00
Memoirs of Mrs. Cooper	62 1-2
Christian Pattern	37 1-2
Sellon's Arguments	50
Wesley's Testament	1 00
Nelson's Journal	37 1-2
Preachers Manuel,	0 75
Hervey's Meditations,	87 1-2
Smith Vindicated,	31
Life of Hester Ann Rogers,	75
Oliver's Refutation,	31
Address to Seekers of Salvation, by Rev. J. Fletcher	12 1-2
Life and Death of two young Ladies contrasted,	12 1-2
Father's Advice,	6.
Essays on Secret Prayer,	6.
Dr. A. Clarke's Sermon on Salvation by Faith,	12 1 2
Vindication of St. Paul,	12 1-2
Dr. Cooke's Sermon on the Godhead of Christ,	6.
Bennet's Sermon,	12 1-2
Kean's Sermon on the Divinity of Christ	183-4
Methodist Magazine 12 1 2 per number, by the year,	1 50.
Other Commentaries on the Bible, and many other religious books can be obtained from New-York, for any who wish for them. The subscribers for the Magazine are informed that the No. for June has arrived, and those who have not received all the numbers previously due, are desired to send for them.	
The Subscribers for Benson's Commentary, are also informed, that the 11th number has arrived.	

POETRY.

JOB xxxvii.

Who rules the seasons as they roll,
Directs their change from pole to pole;
And animates the wondrous whole
Of Nature's grand machinery?

Who scatters on the thirsty plain,
The former and the latter rain,
When waving fields of ripening grain
Reward the toil of industry?

Who from the South in terror sends
The whirlwind, when the cedar bends
And the tall shittah's glory bends
Beneath the blast all ruthfully?

Who gives the hoary frost its birth,
And from the chambers of the North
Commissions clouds of coldness forth
With all their chilling retinue?

Who bids the blast of winter blow,
Lays earth's luxuriant honors low,
And mantles deep in robes of snow
The bleakness of her scenery?

Who by the mandate of his word
Unbinds the streamlet's icy cord,
And looks abroad the sovereign Lord
Of Nature's waking energy?

When whispering soft the vernal gale
Sweeps o'er the bosom of the vale
And bursting tribes of being hail
Creation's wondrous mystery!

PAUSE.

His works all sound his power abroad!
And shall the tenant of the clod
Impugn the wisdom of his God,
Nor fear His high authority?

Peace! Peace, presumptuous earth born worm!
In yonder coming Tempest's form,
Regard the hand that rules the storm
And marshals all its imagery!

Mark well the Lightning's mazy dance,
Where winged flames of ether glance
Bright gleaming o'er the dark expanse,
And broad illumine its canopy!

And hark, loud bursting from on high
Where clouds of blackness veil the sky,
The Thunder rolls its terror by
In tones of dread sublimity!

Behold it comes! and God is here!
He shrouds the sun in robes of fear,
Borne on the tempest's wild career
And marking wide its destiny!

In gushing streams the floods descend!
The winds their wildest fury lend,
And fire, and air, and water blend
In Nature's dreadful revelry!

How grand the scenes of Nature show,
When Nature's God descends below,
And glimmerings of his glory flow
To earth's remotest boundary!

PAUSE.

He gives the willing winds command.
His power how high! His ways how grand!
And lo! the storm-embattled band
Retires with graceful majesty!

In smiles of beauty richly drest,
All glorious down the cloudless west,
The sun rolls slowly to his rest
Beneath th' horizon peacefully!

Far in the east his setting beam
Throws o'er the cloud a brightening gleam
Fair as the fabric of a dream,
And baseless as its fantasy!

And arching in the distant view,
To mock the dreams of fancy too,
The rainbow sheds its varied hue
Of gorgeous colored symmetry!

It spreads its glories bright above,
Emblem of peace by Mercy wove!
Sure symbol still of Heaven's Love
And pledge of Heaven's constancy!

JULIUS

It is probably one who had experienced
The pains of memory in a peculiar degree,
That penned the following lines.

SONNET.

Oh! it is said the grief of years to share—
The hopeless grief—and feel the biting sting
Of mem'ry, and the darkness of despair,
To blast the hopes that fancy cherishing
Had painted long and lovely, bright and fair;
Oh! it is said to see such vision fade,
Like day's last hues to night's sepulchral
shade,

And feel that hopeless thrill that will impart
Unutterable anguish to the heart;
That knows no rapturous dream of future joy,
That feels no pleasure from the mournful
past;

And only rolls upon the anxious eye
The dreary thought of what the soul must
taste,

Upon the future scene's uncertain waste!

Over such thoughts and such recollections,
Earth can pour no balm. This scene of tears
and calamity can give no beauty to life, and
no comfort to memory. The brightness of
the past is but as gloom, and the hopes of
the future are enshrouded in anxiety and
dismay. But to the Christian it is the source
of consolation and joyful hope, that when
these mists and shadows are past, through
which at present the beams of light but dimly
shine; when earthly hope, and earthly
fear, are hushed forever in the tomb, and the
silence of death has quelled the painful re-
membrances of the heart—he shall be wafted
to a bright and glorious clime, where im-
mortal hope shall be realized in all its beau-
ty, the disappointments and contaminations
of the world known no more, and memory,
released from all her bitter associations, be
lost in an endless succession of increasing
delight.

MISCELLANY.

THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIANS.

Extract from the New London Advocate.

It is through faith alone, that any human
being, living in *known* gospel light, can ra-
tionally expect salvation. But still a ques-
tion arises—What is this faith? Let the same
Almighty Being, by the mark of his own in-
spired messenger, decide the question, and
not man. "Faith is the substance of things
hoped for, and the evidence of things not
seen." Now, therefore, wherever they may
see this, where this faith is visible, whether
it appears in a modest silence, or in abun-
dant speaking; in abstract retirement, or in
public avowal and declaration; in deep-
toned stillness, or noisy preaching, or in any
other way,—whether agreeable or disagreea-
ble—as these are all but the effects of di-
verse operations of the same spirit, on a
many diverse constitutions—all Christian
should unite with and fellowship this faith,
though they cannot see and love the pecu-
liar reason or manner, by which it may some-
times be manifested: yet "if Christ be
preached, or believed in, all should rejoice."

Let the *Episcopalian* retain his faith in
legal establishments;—if he has the necessa-
ry faith, he must fellowship his brother-
though that brother, should not exactly with
him. Let the *Presbyterian* believe God has
foreordained whatsoever comes to pass; if
he hath the faith necessary to salvation, he
will love and fellowship his brother of like
faith tho' his brother may have no faith in
foreordination. Let the *Baptist* adhere to his
faith in immersion; if he has the faith which
is unto salvation, he will certainly fellow-
ship his brother in like faith in Christ,—yea,
even though that brother should happen to
be a *Quaker*, and have no faith at all in water;
for he might think that baptism meant regen-
eration. And let the friendly *Quaker* enjoy
his belief in silence;—if he hath still a bet-
ter faith in Christ, than he hath in every
other friend, or in stillness, he will try to
fellowship his brother of the same faith, even
tho' that brother should prove to be a noisy
one. Let the *Methodist* believe in his per-
fection of love;—if his faith work by love and
purity the heart, he will most assuredly
fellowship his brother in Christ, though that brother
should really be a high toned *Calvinist*.—
And let the *Universalist* enjoy his creed also;
if his faith in Christ be real, and not notional—
if it prove to be the substance of things
hoped for, and the evidence of things not
seen—he will, like other true Christians,
'endure contradiction.'

ANECDOTE.

Jane M. C. an Irish girl, died of the yellow
fever last fall in one of our great cities. At
her death she gave the most decided evi-
dence of her faith in Christ. She attended
the Sabbath school in Ireland before she
came to this country. She had to work hard
to support her aged mother, and two young
ger brothers, and in order that she might
learn her chapter, and at the same time go
on with her spinning task daily, she would
rest her Bible upon two iron spikes in the
wall, and by this means having her book
open before her, she spun and committed at
the same time. By the blessing of God ac-
companying the reading and rehearsal of God's
Holy Word, she was led to discover that by
nature and practice she was a poor lost sin-
ner, and that she needed an Almighty Sa-
viour to deliver her soul from the wrath to
come. From the time our Lord was gra-
tiously pleased to enlighten her mind in the
knowledge of his Beloved Son, the effect
was very manifest in her life and conduct. On
one occasion, when her mother sent Jane
to market to sell yarn, the purchaser, by
mistake having over paid her, Jane did not
discover this until she came home; having
made the discovery, she said to her mother:

the merchant gave me too much, it would
be wrong for me to keep it; she went im-
mediately in search of the man, and gave
him the extra payment. When her rela-
tions would often invite Jane to go on a Sat-
urday night to spend Sunday with them,
while she was desirous of maintaining the
friendship of her relations, she would not go
to them till after Sunday, lest she would
be prevented from attending the Sunday
School.

Those duties of religion which appear irk-
some and insipid to others, are a source of
the highest pleasure and delight to those
who partake of the divine nature. They are
glad when it is said unto them, "we will go
into the house of the Lord;" that they may
see his glory as they have formerly seen it
in the sanctuary. They never think them-
selves so happy, as when shut out from the
world and its noise and hurry of affairs, and
having silenced their clamorous passions
which are unwelcome guests, they place them-
selves in the presence of God, and enter in-
to communion and fellowship with him.—
They delight to adore his perfections, to call
to mind his mercies and favours, to profess
their love to him, to lay out their wants be-
fore him, and unload the burden of their
hearts in his bosom. Repentance itself, is
to them a delightful exercise, when it pro-
ceeds from the principle of love; there is a
secret sweetness in those tears of remorse,
those meltings of the soul returning to God,
and bewailing its former ingratitude. The
severe duties of a holy life, and the constant
watchfulness which they are obliged to keep
over their hearts and ways, and very trou-
blesome to those who have no law in their
minds, exciting them to their duty. But
where divine love is in the soul, it strives
to keep the heart free from all sinful thoughts
and desires, it cheerfully performs whatever
is commanded by God, and makes mortifi-
cation and self-denial easy and delightful
exercises.

BIGOTRY—From a London paper.

Excommunication of a Bride.

The Dublin evening mail contains a letter
dated Limerick, March 25, and subscribed
Mathias Harrold, the substance of which is
as follows:

About a fortnight since, Mr. Harrold mar-
ried a Roman Catholic, according to the
rites and ceremonies of the established
Church, previously stipulating that his wife
should renounce the errors of the Roman
church, which, from conviction, she had de-
termined to do. On the Sunday following,
the Roman Catholic curate of the parish of
St. John, in which the bride resided, solemnly
denounced her from the altar of his chapel,
stating "that one of his parishoners had
married a protestant, and after calling on
her to come forward, which she refused, he
stated, that, the bed she lay in was cursed;
that the ground she trod on was cursed; and
that she lay at night in the arms of the devil;
together with other similar expressions." On
the following Friday, March 23, Mrs. Har-
rold read her recantation in St. John's
Church, before the Rev. J. Fitzgibbon, after
which Mr. Harrold waited on the Roman
Catholic curate, the Rev. G. J. Woulfe, with
Mr. Fitzgibbon's certificate of the act of re-
cantation, but which the Rev. Mr. Woulfe
would not condescend to look at. Mr. Har-
rold then warned him against any further
public allusion to his wife's name. On the
following Sunday as Mr. Harrold and his
wife were returning home from attending di-
vine service in St. John's church, they were
assailed at the church gate, by a Popish mob,
of about one thousand persons, men, women,
and children, who [and we here resort to
Mr. Harrold's own words] "addressed my
wife in the most insulting manner, calling
her by the most opprobrious names, all of
which were coupled with *heretic* and *heretical*,
in consequence of which we were oblig-
ed to fly for shelter into the parish clerk's
house, where we remained for some time,
the mob still remaining outside, and collect-
ing in every avenue leading to my dwelling.
The Rev. Mr. Fitzgibbon, finding the sit-
uation in which we were placed to be one
of peril, came to our aid, attended by a gen-
tleman who had just left the church, conceiv-
ing that we might proceed without father
insult, when attended by them. But, sir,
this had not the desired effect, as we had
not proceeded fifty yards, when we were ob-
liged to seek refuge in another house, so
violent were the people in their abuse, and
so great the increase of the mob from all
quarters. Finding it in vain to think of pro-
ceeding, having some distance to go before
we could reach home, the Rev. Mr. Fitz-
gibbon went for the police; and it was not
until three of the ringleaders, two men and a

woman, were taken into custody, that we
were permitted to proceed. These three
persons Mr. Fitzgibbon lodged in Captain
Draught's police office, and I yesterday
lodged information against four more, who
have been committed to jail, as being con-
cerned in this dreadful outrage." Mr. Har-
rold's letter further states, that during this
cruel and barbarous outrage, the Rev. Mr.
Woulfe, and Mr. Touling, Roman Catholic
curates of the parish, were looking from one
of Mr. Woulfe's windows, apparently enjoy-
ing the atrocious and disgraceful scene,
without any interference to put a stop to it.
Mr. Harrold concludes his letter in the fol-
lowing appropriate terms:

"I ask, was a person, who never was, no
ever will be, of the Roman Catholic creed;
was he to be held forth to a congregation as
a *devil*, to be hooted and insulted, and his
life, and that of his wife, to be endan-
gered, returning from the temple of God?—
If such is to be the case, and if we are to
call on the military and police to protect us
to our dwellings, after we have been lifting
up our hearts and hands to the Deity in his
sanctuary; if, I say, such is to be the case,
we must then forget that we are living in a
free country, and under respected laws."

SPANISH PROVERBS.

Change of weather finds discourse for fools.
Enjoy that little you have, while the fool
is hunting for more.

Go not to your doctor for every ail, nor to
your lawyer for every quarrel, nor to your
bottle for every thirst.

There is no better looking glass than an
old true friend.

The creditor hath always a better memo-
ry than the debtor.

As you use your father, so will your chil-
dren use you.

Keep out of a hasty man's way for a while;
out of a sullen man's way all the days of
your life.

A good wife is the workmanship of a good
husband.

Smoke, raining into the house, and a talk-
ing wife, make a man run out of doors.

Tell not what you know, judge not what
you see, and you will live in quiet.

A great fortune with a wife, is a bed full
of brambles.

Leave your son a good reputation and an
employment.

Receive your money before you give a
receipt for it, and take a receipt before you
pay it.

God doth cure, and the physician taketh
the money for it.

Leave a dog and a great talker in the mid-
dle of the street.

Mr. Fletcher's zeal and assiduity in promot-
ing the spiritual good of his Parishoners.

A poor collier, now living in Madely, and
upwards of eighty years of age, relates that
in the former part of his life he was exceed-
ing prodigal, and that Mr. Fletcher fre-
quently sought opportunities to warn him of
his danger, "For," added the poor man,
"he used always to run after such wicked
fellows as I was, whenever he saw us, in or-
der that he might talk with us, and warn
us." Being, however, aware of his pious
Vicar's intentions, this collier was accus-
tomed as soon as he saw him, to run home with all
speed, and close the door before Mr. Fletch-
er could reach it; and thus, for many months
together, he escaped his deserved reproofs.
The holy man, however, still persevering in
his attempts, on one occasion he outran this
determined sinner, and obtained possession
of his house before him. The poor man awed
by the presence of his Minister, and soft-
ened by the persuasive kindness of his man-
ners, was much affected, and received those
religious impressions which soon ended in a
thorough change of his character.

The Bethel meetings in New York are
now held on the decks of vessels at the
wharves, and are usually well attended, and
sometimes by very large numbers. The ves-
sels in which the meeting is to be held on
any particular evening, is designated by the
Bethel Flag, at the mast head during the
day, and the *Bethel Lantern* at night.

Thales, one of the wise men of Greece.—
A sophist, wishing to puzzle him with diffi-
cult questions, the sage of Miletus replied
to them all without the least hesitation, and
with the utmost precision.

What is the oldest of all things? God be-
cause he has always existed.

What is the most beautiful? the world, be-
cause it is the work of God.

What is the best of things? Virtue be-
cause without it there is nothing good.

What is the easiest? To give advice.